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REMARKS

Claims 31-35, 45-55 and 68-71 were examined. Claims 68-71 were allowed. Claims 34-35 and 45-55 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for alleged lack of enablement. Claims 31-33 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as an allegedly unpatentable over Hollingsworth *et al.* (1995) Genes Dev. 9:1728-39.

Claims 31-35 and 44-55 are canceled herein, without prejudice. Those claims are canceled for the purpose of expediting issuance of the allowed claims. Their cancellation should not be construed as an acquiescence or admission as to the correctness of the examiner's position with regard to any ground of rejection.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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